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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action of the Examiner mailed March 25, 2008, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on June 25, 2008.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.